

File manual upon reports made by me, J. Edgar Hoover, and to members  
mail to Schmidt, 10/1/74 - all with copies of this letter

Dear Paul,

Without consulting me you informed two others that with them I am a charter member - which I am not - of your reinvestigation of the JFK assassination - which it is not.

You announce a conspiracy theorists club and in advance limit its theorizing of conspiracies to three. To now I have refused to belong to any group of conspiracy theorists and I have not subscribed to any of the soc-called newsletters serving similar purposes. I will have nothing to do with conspiracy theorizing.

Your second charter member, Senator Schweiker, may recall that when he proposed four such conspiracy theories to me I told him that an approach based on conspiracy theorizing would get him nowhere and I then debunked all four that he postulated. He wound up so thoroughly befuddled by the intelligence agencies that his report withheld ~~the~~ names names that were in the public domain and he never did get around to the body of the crime.

Your third charter member, Congressman Stokes, knows that I was in open opposition to the acts and procedures of his committee and was responsible for much if not most of the public criticism of it. This was because his committee, ~~undertook to~~ <sup>rather than undertaking a full and open investigation, put down</sup> ~~detract~~ conspiracy theorists and to equate all critics of the official account of the JFK assassination and King assassinations with them. He resorted to star chambers to deter exposure of what ~~was~~ <sup>no committee did</sup> ~~on in them~~. Allegedly this was to protect rights but it was a machine for violating them and shielding the committee from <sup>the</sup> criticism it deserved and required. By the time what was intended as the ultimate putdown of critics, the analysis of the Dallas police tape, had backfired, he had no choice but to try to use it to avoid total bankruptcy. <sup>much of</sup> By then he had wasted the largest appropriation in the history of congressional investigations and had come to the time of his <sup>sub-</sup> personally assured funeral. His alleged investigation of the crime and the executive agencies was so puerile he wound up their captive, as he had been all along, had in fact assured he would be, and he had not even established the integrity of the specimens he <sup>evidently</sup> had tested. With all that money and all that staff he had not found in the once-withheld official records what I had obtained by litigation, <sup>JFK assassination</sup> and ~~he~~ wasn't even aware of the existence of photographs of the crime that were reported